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FOR ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HARTMAN, AND PM DIRECTOR GELB FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NATO, PFOR, PARM  
SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S ARMS CONTROL PROPOSALS TO THE SOVIETS

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1. THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS IN HIS MARCH 9 NEWS  
CONFERENCE ON PROPOSALS HE HAS MADE TO THE SOVIETS  
REGARDING A CTB, INDIAN OCEAN DEMILITARIZATION, NOTI-  
FICATION OF TEST MISSILE LAUNCHES, AND NOT ARMING  
SATELLITES AND NOT DESTROYING OBSERVATION SATELLITES  
WILL SPARK ALLIED INTEREST AND REINFORCE CONCERNS IN  
SOME QUARTERS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ENGAGING  
IN A DIALOGUE WITH THE USSR ON SECURITY ISSUES ABOUT  
WHICH WE HAVE NOT CONSULTED WITH THE ALLIES.
2. THE GESTURE OF CIRCULATING PROMPTLY TO NATO PERMREPS  
A US PAPER ON THESE PROPOSALS, EVEN IF IT IS COINED IN  
VERY GENERAL TERMS, WOULD GO FAR, I BELIEVE, TO ASSUAGE  
ANY CONCERNS ABOUT US-SOVIET BILATERALISM AND ABOUT  
US DISCUSSIONS OF THESE MATTERS WITH THE SOVIETS  
WITHOUT KEEPING THE ALLIES ABREAST.  
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3. THE FRG AND OTHER ALLIES WILL APPRECIATE THE  
EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS ON SALT AND THE  
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW OUTLINED IN REFTEL. AT  
THE SAME TIME, A PAPER ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS  
WOULD PROVIDE PROMPT EVIDENCE THAT THE UNITED STATES  
INTENDS TO ABIDE BY THE ASSURANCES THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE  
GAVE TO THE COUNCIL REGARDING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ALLIES  
DURING HIS VISIT TO NATO ON JANUARY 24. BY A GESTURE OF  
THIS SORT, WE CAN RELIEVE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN  
AROUSSED AMONG SOME ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF US POLICIES

ON ISSUES RELEVANT TO ALLIANCE SECURITY.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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